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October 27, 2017

Holiday Schedule for Veterans Day, November 10

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Councilmember Sidney Katz to Host Free Senior Forum & Resource Fair
Friday, October 27 9:30am (speakers begin at 10:00am)
Bohrer Park Activity Center
506 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg

State's Attorney John McCarthy, Consumer Protection Director Eric Friedman, and Volunteer Center Senior Fellow/Program Manager Gretchen Zekiel to be among speakers

Montgomery County Councilmember Sidney Katz, who represents Council District 3, which includes Gaithersburg, Rockville, Washington Grove, Leisure World and parts of Aspen Hill, Derwood, North Potomac and Potomac, will host a Senior Forum and Resource Fair at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park starting at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, October 27. The program will focus on recognizing the signs of elder abuse, protecting seniors from scams, and ways for seniors to live life to the fullest through volunteering. It will be accompanied by an informational resource fair showcasing a wide range of service providers to seniors.

The Activity Center at Bohrer Park is located at 506 S. Frederick Avenue in Gaithersburg, Md.

The Senior Forum and resource fair are free and open to the public. The resource fair will open at 9:30 a.m., with speakers beginning at 10 a.m. Residents do not have to be a member of the Activity Center at Bohrer Park to attend.

For the full schedule of speakers, visit

https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21523

Tips for a Safe and Fun Trick or Treat

It's that time of year again and the trick-or-treaters are back out to play! To keep everyone safe, be sure to pay extra attention to all children on Tuesday.

- Pay extra attention and drive slowly through neighborhoods.
- Put away the electronic device when taking kids out. Make sure you have everyone in your group before moving on to the next house.
- Give kids glow sticks or flashlights to make sure they are seen by drivers.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, face traffic and stay to the left.
- Have kids look both ways and make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street.
- Do not allow children under 12 to go out alone without adult supervision.

For more tips from our public safety agencies, visit

http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21511



For locations, visit

http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21488

County Council Committee Supports Leggett's Changes to Minimum Wage Hike Proposal

The County Council's Health and Human Services Committee recently approved amendments to the minimum wage hike proposal, now before the Council, that reflects changes requested by County Executive Ike Leggett. In a [September 13 memo](#) to the Council, Mr. Leggett listed the changes necessary to win his approval. He had vetoed legislation in January that narrowly passed the Council.

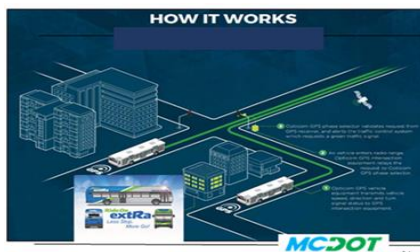
The Committee voted 2 -1 to lengthen the timeline to provide large and small businesses an additional two years for implementation. The amendment would also redefine a "small business" from 25 employees to 50 employees or less.

The proposal is tentatively scheduled to go to full Council for action on November 7.

- [The Committee Analyst Packet.](#)

Transit Signal Priority Helping to Speed Ride On extRa Service Along MD Route 355

Did you know that MCDOT has installed transit signal priority (TSP) at 30 signalized intersections along MD 355 to support the new, Ride On extRa transit service? TSP modifies the traffic signal timing to prioritize a Ride On extRa bus, thereby giving bus passengers a shorter overall travel time. Click to [Learn more about Ride On extRa](#).



Aging Well in Our Communities
Wednesday, November 1 10:00am-12:00noon
Damascus Public Library/Senior Center
9701 Main Street, Damascus

How can we foster a livable community for all ages?

Join us to exchange ideas on ways we can make our community a better place to age. A panel of speakers will discuss existing resources and examples for aging in place. There will also be time to share your vision. A community discussion will follow the panel presentation. Refreshments will be served.

*Panel moderated by **Councilmember Craig Rice***

- **Jen Holz, Livable Communities, AARP**
- Shawn Brennan, Transportation, County's Aging and Disability
- **Tony Sarmiento, Villages, Silver Spring Village**

For more information contact Pazit Aviv: pazit.aviv@montgomerycountymd.gov or 240-777-1231 or Kay Orr: klkorr@verizon.net.

Montgomery County will provide sign language interpreters and other auxiliary aids or services upon request -- with as much advanced notice as possible, preferably at least three (3) business days before the event. Contact (insert name of staff person or office coordinating the meeting) at 240-777-1231 (voice) or 240-777-3556 (TTY) or send a request to pazit.aviv@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Sponsored by: Montgomery County Government, Montgomery County Faith Community Advisory Council, Damascus HELP, Inc., and Faith Connections

Montgomery County Council is Seeking Applicants for the Grants Advisory Group
Application deadline is November 3, 2017, at 4 pm.

https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21455



**Councilmember Craig Rice Hosts Community Meeting on the
County's Fiscal Year 2019 Capital Improvements Program**

Monday, November 13 6:30pm
Gaithersburg High School
101 Education Blvd., Gaithersburg

Montgomery County Council Education Committee Chair Craig Rice will host a community meeting to discuss the County's Capital Improvements Program, which includes funding for construction projects, such as schools and roads, that are programmed in the next six years. The community meeting will seek input and provide information on capital projects in the County, with a special focus on Upcounty issues.

The meeting will provide information about opportunities that all residents have to influence decisions that will be made as the County works to establish future budget priorities related to the construction of new schools, school additions, roadways, and other community use space.

For further information about the meeting, contact Councilmember Rice's office at 240-777-7955 or email him at:

Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov

Free Shredding Event in Gaithersburg
Saturday, November 18 9:00am-1:00pm
Bohrer Park Activity Center (parking lot next to the Water Park)
506 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg

Gaithersburg area residents are encouraged to bring paper and select electronics for secure shredding and disposal to a free Community Shredding and Electronics Recycling Event. The event is presented by the City of Gaithersburg in partnership with the Gaithersburg [Environmental Affairs Committee](#), Clean Cut Shredding and eAsset Solutions. This is a free, drive-through event for individuals and small businesses. You won't need to leave your car as staff transports your materials for secure on-site shredding and disposal. While the service is free, the City will gratefully accept the donation of nonperishable food items, which are being collected for the Gaithersburg HELP food pantry.

For more info, visit <http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/calendars/community-calendar/2017/11/community-shredding-event>

The Arts Corner . . .



12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown
301-528-2260

Mainstage Theater



Etienne Charles: Creole Soul
Jazz | Saturday, Oct 28, 2017 | 8:00 PM

Well-versed as a recording artist, composer, arranger, Assistant Professor of Jazz Studies at Michigan State University, Etienne Charles is a multi-faceted jazz artist who speaks a vast variety of musical dialects in an improvisation-fueled setting with the expertise and knowledge to match. As befitting an artist who excels with such a diversity of musical styles, Charles has performed with a range of musicians, from Roberta Flack, Rene Marie and David Rudder to Wynton Marsalis, Johnny Mandel, the Count Basie Orchestra and Maria Schneider.

The engagement of Etienne Charles is made possible through the Jazz Touring Network program of the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation with support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Studio Theater



ETHEL
Contemporary Chamber | Sunday, Nov 5, 2017 | 7:00 PM

For 20+ years, this acclaimed New York City-based contemporary music quartet has conceived, commissioned, produced, and performed rich multimedia concert works and released several acclaimed albums. Noted as "vital and brilliant," "downtown's reigning string quartet" (The New Yorker), and "one of the most exciting quartets around" (Strad Magazine), the quartet invigorates the contemporary music scene with exuberance, intensity, imaginative programming, and exceptional artistry.

Independent Film Series



Mind/Game Film | Sunday, Nov 12, 2017 | 4:00 PM

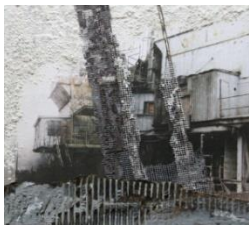
A 3-time NCAA champ and Number One draft pick in the WNBA, Chamique Holdsclaw seemed destined for a spectacular professional career—until her long-suppressed battle with mental disorders emerged to derail her career and threaten her life. *Mind/Game* intimately chronicles Holdsclaw's athletic accomplishments and personal setbacks, and her decision, despite public stigma, to become an outspoken mental health advocate.

The Kay Gallery

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE THAT
BLACKROCK'S MAIN GALLERY IS NOW NAMED THE KAY GALLERY
IN RECOGNITION OF AN UNPRECEDENTED GIFT BY LAUREN AND RICK POLLIN
IN LOVING MEMORY OF JACK AND INA KAY.



The Terrace Gallery



Cedric Williams: DERELICTION
November 11 – December 16, 2017

Meet the Artist Reception
Saturday, November 11 | 2:00 – 4:00 pm | FREE

Solo exhibit of mixed media assemblages combining photographs & remnants of the site

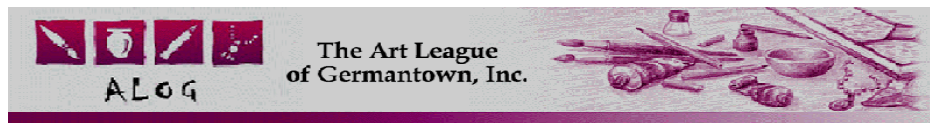
Creating environments to support photographic images of sites found in a state of dereliction, Cedric Williams observes the ways in which buildings, surfaces and structures change upon abandonment. Fascinated with erosion, his most recent work focuses on the decay at three sites: an abandoned slate quarry in North Wales, a now demolished cement factory in Maryland, and World War II remains washed up on the coast of Delaware.

Questions for BlackRock? Call 301.528.2260



Monday, November 6 7:00pm-9:00pm
Round House Theatre
4545 East-West Highway, Bethesda

The County Executive's Awards for Excellence in the Arts and Humanities are the most prestigious honors conferred by Montgomery County on individual artists, scholars, organizations and cultural patrons. Now in its 16th year, these Executive's Awards allow us to pay tribute to individuals and organizations that have made a difference in Montgomery County through the arts and humanities. [Join Us, and Reserve Free Tickets Today!](#)



The Art League of Germantown presents Annual Fall Fine Arts and Crafts Show

"WinterGlow 2017"

BlackRock Center for the Arts
12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown, Maryland

Open 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday/Thursday/Friday, November 1-3, 2017
 Open 10:00 am - 5:00 pm on Saturday, November 4, 2017
 Open 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm on Sunday, November 5, 2017
 Artist's Reception 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 5th

Admission is free.



Leggett Conducts National Anthem at the Opening of National Philharmonic

County Executive Ike Leggett conducts the National Philharmonic at Strathmore in the playing of our country's National Anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner". *Video and Photo by Jay Mallin.*

- [View the video of performance here](#)

County Executive Isiah Leggett and State Housing Secretary Kenneth C. Holt Announce Second Year of Montgomery Homeownership Program to Assist Qualified Homebuyers in the County

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett and Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Secretary Kenneth C. Holt have announced a renewal of the Montgomery Homeownership Program through the Maryland Mortgage Program. This joint initiative helps qualified applicants purchase a home by offering a zero-interest loan for down payment or closing cost assistance. Montgomery County has committed one million dollars to this program in FY18. The program will run during FY18, until funds are expended. The Montgomery Homeownership Program leverages the Maryland Mortgage Program and is administered by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, which provides similar down payment assistance across the state.

The down payment assistance program will be available for buyers with qualified incomes to purchase a Montgomery County home as their primary residence. The program is part of Montgomery County's ongoing efforts to promote affordable and inclusive housing opportunities. It is managed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Program incentives include:

- A zero-interest loan provided by Montgomery County equal to 40 percent of household income, up to \$25,000 for down payment or closing cost assistance
- 30-year fixed-rate financing on a first mortgage through an MMP-approved lender
- Tax credit savings available through the Maryland HomeCredit Program
- Streamlined and straightforward home buying and financing experience

Potential homebuyers are subject to household income limits and must meet standard qualifications under the Maryland Mortgage program, including completion of homebuyer education. The Maryland Mortgage program is the state's flagship homeownership program, providing fixed-rate mortgages, primarily to first-time homebuyers, along with down payment and closing cost incentives.

For more information or to apply, visit Montgomery Homeownership Program at <http://mmp.maryland.gov/Montgomery/Pages/MontgomeryHomeownershipProgramII.aspx>

Leggett, Schools Officials Launch BTheOne Suicide and Substance Abuse Prevention Campaign Aimed at Teens

County Executive Isiah Leggett has launched a public education campaign – **BtheOne** - aimed at preventing teen suicide and substance abuse. He was joined by Raymond Crowel, chief of Behavioral Health and Crisis Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Jonathan Brice, Montgomery County Public Schools' Associate Superintendent for the Office of Student and Family Support & Engagement; parent Susan Rosenstock, whose teenage son died by suicide and August Balderson, a 19-year-old resident currently in recovery.

The BTheOne campaign includes a new website - www.BTheOne.org - which provides information on resources and ways to help others, advertising at bus shelters and movie theaters, and posters and flyers that will be distributed throughout the community. In addition to distribution of the posters and flyers throughout the general community, Montgomery County Public Schools will distribute the information to health rooms and guidance offices at 67 middle and high schools and flyers will be posted throughout the schools.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), suicide is the second leading cause of death among school age youth. In Maryland, 26 percent of high school students reported having at least one drink of alcohol in the last month and 32 percent of high school students report that they have used marijuana one or more times in their lifetime. While alcohol and illegal drug use is decreasing, early substance abuse can have lasting cognitive and behavioral effects.

For more information go to www.BTheOne.org. If you or someone you know is struggling, call the 24-hour Crisis Center at 240-777-4000.

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>